

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2753 - SB 2797

January 23, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Enacts the *Robert "Robbie" Nottingham Campus Crime Scene Investigation Act of 2004*, which:

- requires the chief security officer of a higher education institution to notify immediately the local law enforcement agency with territorial jurisdiction over such institution if the death of a person occurs on the property of the institution or if such officer or any other official of the institution is in receipt of a report alleging that any degree of rape has occurred on the property of the institution, regardless whether a public or private institution of higher education has entered into a mutual assistance agreement with a law enforcement agency.
- provides that upon notification by the local law enforcement agency that a death or rape has occurred, the agency has the duty to investigate the death or alleged rape in the same manner as it would investigate a death or alleged rape occurring on property outside the institution. After notification, the security officers or law enforcement officers and all other employees of the institution shall cooperate with the investigation. *Law enforcement agency* is defined in this bill as (1) the municipal police force; (2) the metropolitan police force; and (3) the sheriff's office. A knowing violation of this act is a Class C misdemeanor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase in Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Estimate assumes:

- passage of this bill will not have a significant impact on local law enforcement agencies since some local law enforcement agencies have investigated these kinds of crimes in the past and some agencies currently investigate all deaths and incidents of serious bodily injury. It is assumed that any additional costs, if any, involved with such investigations could be absorbed within the agencies' existing budgeted resources.
- the impact depends upon the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resulting increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director